

Sikule language

The **Sikule language** (also called **Sibigo**, **Sigulai**, **Ageumeui**, or **Wali Banuah**) is an Austronesian language spoken on Simeulue island off the western coast of Sumatra in Indonesia.^[3] It belongs to the Malayo-Polynesian branch of the Austronesian languages. Sikule is one of Northwest Sumatra–Barrier Islands languages, which are a sub-group of Western Malayo-Polynesian.^[4]

Sikule is spoken in Alafan district, on the western end of Simeulue island. It is apparently related to the Nias language.^[5] Ethnologue lists *Lekon* and *Tapah* as dialects.^[1]

Simeulue is spoken in the rest of Simeulue outside of Alafan, while Jamu (also called *Kamano*), related to Minangkabau, is spoken in the capital city of Sinabang.

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Phonology

The vowel and consonant phonemes of Sikule are shown in the tables below.^[6]

Sikule vowel phonemes			
	Front	Central	Back
Close	i	ɨ	u
Mid	e	ə	o
Open		a	

Sikule	
Wali Banuah	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Aceh, Sumatra
Native speakers	(undated figure of 20,000) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Austronesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northwest Sumatra–Barrier Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northern Barrier Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nias–Sikule<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sikule</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	skh
Glottolog	siku1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/siku1242) ^[2]

Sikule consonant phonemes

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Post-alveolar/Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>		<u>m</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>ɲ</u>	<u>ŋ</u>	
<u>Plosive/Affricate</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>tʃ</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>(ʔ)</u>
	<u>voiced</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>dʒ</u>	<u>g</u>	
<u>Fricative</u>			<u>s</u>		<u>x</u>	<u>h</u>
<u>Approximant</u>	<u>central</u>			<u>j</u>		
	<u>lateral</u>		<u>l</u>			
<u>Trill</u>			<u>r</u>			

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